Cultural exchanges with other countries

2284. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering cultural exchanges with other countries for the expansion of cultural activities by promoting tourism industry; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken or proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has Cultural Exchange Programmes with 85 countries. Under these, programmes, exchange of exhibitions, artists, artifacts and organizing of cultural days, country festivals etc. take place which help promotion of tourism.

Displaying of kind of meat served in hotels

2285. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Sikhs have been demanding that all hotels, restaurants and fast food chains should display the kind of meat served *i.e.* halal or Jhataka;

(b) if so, the reaction of the multi-national eating joints thereto; and

(c) the action taken by Government in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) No such matter has come to the notice of the Department of Tourism, Government of India.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.